

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

February 2014 – Week 3

Air Date: February 16 – February 22 (Sunday – Saturday)



TITLE: SWINE STRIFE

FEBRUARY 1841 AND TEXAS PIGS TAKE ON FRANCE.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

FEBRUARY 19, 1841. AUSTIN. SENT TO TEXAS BY THE FRENCH KING, COUNT DUBOIS DE SALIGNY IS HERE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE YOUNG REPUBLIC. BUT HIS LAVISH LIFESTYLE AND HAUGHTY ATTITUDE PROVE UNPOPULAR.

WHEN PIGS OWNED BY LOCAL INNKEEPER RICHARD BULLOCK INVADE THE COUNT'S HOME AND EAT HIS TOWELS, HE ORDERS HIS SERVANT TO SHOOT THE SWINE.

TODAY, WHEN BULLOCK RUNS INTO THE SERVANT, HE BLOODIES HIS NOSE. FURIOUS, THE COUNT DEMANDS JUSTICE. WHEN DENIED, HE BREAKS DIPLOMATIC TIES AND LEAVES AUSTIN NEVER TO RETURN.

BULLOCK – AND HIS PIGS – ARE HAILED AS HEROES.

THE PIG WAR BROKE OUT 173 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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